Industrial undertakings in 'No Industry' zones in Uttar Pradesh

2646. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has urged the Central Government to set up a few industrial undertakings projects in the 'no industry' zones, mostly in the eastern sector of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and details of identification made by the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) what further action is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) In the eleven 'No Industry Districts' of Uttar Pradesh, the following number of letters of intent, industrial licences and DGTD Registrations have been issued during the years 1983 to September, 1986 :—

Year	Letters of of Intent	Industrial Licences	DGTD Registrations
1983	30	1	37
1984	22	6	76
1985	19	5	67
1986 (Sept.)	12	7	22

Identification of Projects in a State is a continuous process.

The details regarding name of the industrial unit, location etc. to whom letters of intent, industrial licences/DGTD Regis-fratons were issued are given in the Indian Investment Centre's monthly news letter copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Increase in the prices of Maruti cars

2647. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been further increase in the prices of Maruti cars despite Government's earlier assurances of not increasing the prices beyond Rs. 55,000/-per **car;**

(b) whether it is a fact that rising prices of Maruti cars are hitting the economy of commoners for whom such small Passenger cars were intended to be provided in addition to creating a general inflationary impact on the economy;

(c) whether other car manufacturers in the country are taking advantage thereof;

(d)- if so, the facts and details of increase in the price of Maruti cars during the last three years or since its inception; and

(e) what preventive steps are being proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (d) The ex-factory price of Maruti cars,

inclusive of excise duty and dealers' margin, has increased as follows :—

Prices of Standard Cars		
White & Blue	Red, Brown & Green	Effective
47,500	47,500	14-12-83
49,950	50,700	1-4-85
57,100	57,850	1-4-86
63,900	63,900	4-6-86

(b) The cars in India arc bought by a very small segment of the population and the price of cars does not enter into the consumer price index.

(c) There ' is no Government control over prices of automobiles. The manufacturers fix the prices of their products taking into account input costs, dealers' margin, profitability and competitiveness etc.

(e) Maruti Udyog Ltd. has been making efforts to increase productivity and reduce cost of production.

Technology from Federal Republic of Germany for setting up Industries

2648. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Federal Republic of Germany have recently identified high technology areas for setting up of industries in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the full details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The exercise for identification of areas for the transfer of technology and industrial collaborations is a continuous process. Government welcomes cooperation in the high-tech areas in order to modernise our industries and improve their productivity to make them internationally competitive provided the terms and conditions offered are within our policy parameters.

Federal Republic of Germany occupies a prominent position in the matter of foreign collaboration cases approved by the Government of India during the first nine months of the current calender year. These collaborations, *inter-alia,* cover the fields *of* electronics, telecommunications, specialised mining equipment, etc.

Signing of memorandum of understanding with public sectors

2649. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government propose to sign a memorandum of Understanding with each public sector undertaking to set down the goals and expectations from the undertaking and the terms and conditions of autonomy of the under-' taking;

(b) if so, the salient features of the memorandum of Undertaking;

(c) whether the said memorandum of Understanding has already been signed with any of the public sector undertaking; if so, what their names; and

(d) by when the said memorandum of Understanding is proposed to be signed with all the public sector undertaking

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) (a) and (b) Government have taken decision to sign memorandum of understanding Annual Performance Plan with some of the major public sector enterprises in the core sector whereby the responsibility for achieving the pre-determined targets of producion, profit etc. are clearly specified.